

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: MODULAR INTERCONNECTION
ARCHITECTURE FOR AN EXPANDABLE
MULTIPROCESSOR MACHINE, USING A
MULTILEVEL BUS HIERARCHY AND THE
SAME BUILDING BLOCK FOR ALL THE
LEVELS

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

Corres. To FR99/05266

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McLean, Virginia

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, insert the following
headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONField of the Invention--;

Page 1, line 12, before the paragraph beginning "In such machines...", insert
the following heading at the left hand margin:

--Description of Related Art--

Page 4, line 9, before the paragraph beginning "The object of the
invention...", insert the following heading at the left hand margin: